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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN SIKES

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO CON-
GRESSMAN SIKES FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS:

1. ALTHOUGH I HAVE REPLIED TO YOUR LETTER OF JULY 14,
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO ALSO SEND YOU A MESSAGE
BY CABLE IN VIEW OF THE 2-3 WEEK LEAD TIME IT TAKES TO
SET UP HUNTING TRIPS FOR TWO OF THE TROPHIES YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN.

2. IRAN SHIKAR COMPANY, THE ONLY REALLY QUALIFIED
SAFARI OUTFIT HERE, TELLS US THAT URIAL SHEEP CAN BE
FOUND IN SEVERAL PRESERVES IN THE NORTH AND NORTHEASTERN
PART OF THE COUNTRY. A TRIP FOR SUCH A SPECIMEN WOULD
TAKE FIVE DAYS -- ONE DAY IN, THREE DAYS FOR HUNTING, AND
ONE DAY OUT. THE COST IS \$1,950 PER HUNTER WHICH IN-
CLUDES EVERYTHING INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION FROM TEHRAN,
GUIDE, PACK ANIMALS, ETC. THERE IS ALSO A TROPHY FEE OF
\$175 FOR EACH ANIMAL TAKEN.

3. ARMENIAN SHEEP CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN SEVERAL PRESERVES
IN THE NORTH AND NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY BUT
SINCE IT IS RARER IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A MINIMUM HUNT
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BE OF SIX DAYS DURATION WITH FOUR DAYS RATHER THAN THREE
SPENT IN THE FIELD. THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE FOR THIS
HUNT IS \$2,100 PER HUNTER.

4. ONE DAY FOR EACH OF THESE HUNTS COULD BE TAKEN OFF
IF CHARTER AIRCRAFT WAS USED BUT OF COURSE AT ADDITIONAL
COST.

5. I AM REASONABLY CERTAIN WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY
IN ARRANGING A HUNT ON THE SHAH'S PRESERVE NEAR TEHRAN
FOR IBEX. AS YOU KNOW FROM PREVIOUS TRIPS, THIS TAKES
MUCH LESS TIME AND COULD PROBABLY BE FITTED COMFORTABLY
INTO YOUR OVERALL SCHEDULE.

6. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR PREFERENCE AND WHEN YOU
PLAN TO BE HERE. WARMEST REGARDS.
HELMS

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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